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METAL OXIDE FROM METAL  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following response is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated December 29, 2008:

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